

The Celebrity Spin Bike Challenge at the Volunteer Appreciation Event at The Centre "Thanks A Million" with Leon Newton, Marg Pullen, Glen Clarke, Danny O'Donoghue, Tim McCurdy and Leonie Paynter.

Hello Volunteers & Friends

The leaves are putting on their fabulous autumnal display, the weather is getting cooler and the fireside is becoming the place to be. Winter must almost be upon us as we look out at the rain and appreciate all the benefits to the gardens and the countryside.

It's time again for me to bring you the news of the volunteer world and what has been happening in the region.

We have just celebrated National Volunteer Week and the highlight for us at the Volunteer Community Skillsbank was the Volunteer Appreciation event of 'You're a Star Thanks a Million'. The



event was a product of collaboration between two programs at The Centre, The Volunteer Community Skillsbank and Act Belong Commit, The Rural City of Wangaratta, the Community Pride Committee and the YMCA. The event was a huge success, read more about it inside the newsletter.

We have had Clean Up Australia Day and as usual people turned out in their droves to make Australia a better place to live. Everyone should be grateful for the effort put in by the organisers and participants as it is a fantastic effort and really appreciated by

the community.

An upcoming event is a fabulous workshop by Nancy Nunez called Introduction to Volunteer Management thru the National Standards for Involving Volunteers. This workshop introduces participants to the best practice Volunteer Management Model and an Overview of the National Standards for Involving Volunteers in Not for Profits so don't miss out.

Put your feet up and read on,

Linda Phillis
Volunteer Community
Skillsbank Coordinator

Thanks A Million

National Volunteer Week 2013

Volunteer Appreciation Event

I cannot begin to explain how fabulous the National Volunteer Appreciation Event was on May 15th. It was a collaboration between The Rural City of Wangaratta, The Community Pride Committee, The YMCA and The Centre's Act Belong Commit Program And The Volunteer Community Skillsbank. We had an attendance of over 200 people and everyone seemed to have a great time. Not-for-profit organisations decorated a star each and they were displayed on stands that were made by the fantastic fellows at the Men's Shed; what a fabulous job they did and all of the stars were just marvelous.

There was a yellow brick road (created by the CLC students) of stars to lead the patrons to the venue and there they received a delightful mocktail served by the CLC students. Some very yummy canapés were provided by Tanya Graham and her team from the VCAL program who worked tirelessly throughout the day and evening. They were great.

Marg Pullen was MC and she introduced Danny O'Donoghue The Centre's CEO who had some fine words to say about how much volunteers are valued and the many benefits of volunteering for our community.

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From top left: People viewing the stars on the Yellow brick road; Tanya Graham and her VCAL volunteers preparing the fabulous food; Glenn Clarke and Jennifer Johnstone with their words of wisdom; CLC Students serving the refreshments; Some of the many amazing stars decorated by not-for-profit organisations; The crowds arrive; An aerial view of the yellow brick road of stars; Some of the crowd enjoying the canapés; The Celebrity Spin Bike Challenge with Leon Newton, Marg Pullen, Danny O'Donoghue, Glenn Clarke, Tim McCurdy and Leonie Paynter.

Thanks A Million cont.



The guest speaker, Glenn Clarke, was inspirational and very entertaining with his Celebrity Spin Bike Challenge. We had Danny O'Donoghue, Tim McCurdy, Marg Pullen, Leon Newton and Leonie Paynter and they all did a great job. Glenn was very diplomatic and said they were all winners but I have to say that Leonie was looking like a star.

There were plenty of contestants for the Community Spin Bike Challenge and everyone seemed to enjoy the contest.

Jennifer Johnstone, coordinator of the Act Belong Commit Program at The Centre, wrapped up the evening with thanks to all and a special thank you to Jacqui Hobbs and Glenn Clarke for all of their efforts.

At the end of the evening everyone left with a show bag of goodies having had an evening of entertainment, mocktails and canapés. But most of all I hope they left feeling appreciated and that their work does not go unnoticed and it is very much valued by the wider community as well as the people directly affected by what they do.



Workshop by Nancy Nunez

Introduction to Volunteer Management through the National Standards for Involving Volunteers - 3.5 hour Training Workshop

When: Tuesday July 9th

**Where: The Centre
Chisholm Street
Wangaratta**

Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to learn more on how to manage your volunteer workforce using best practice.

It will;

- Improve your organisation
- Create a more cohesive volunteer workforce
- Make your organisation a more attractive proposition when applying for funding.

It will be held on Tuesday July 9th at The Centre at a cost of \$10.00 and bookings are essential so don't miss out. Make sure you get in early as seats are limited and Nancy is very popular, her workshops in Bendigo and Ballarat both sold out so contact us at The Volunteer Community Skillsbank to secure your place.

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“Talk n Turtles” Fun for all the family

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2013

If you are looking for something you can do over the Queen’s Birthday long weekend with the whole family and it’s Free then join Turtles Australia, WSN Restoring Our Waterways, The Centre, Act, Belong & Commit and North East Catchment Authority to learn how to help our local Turtles.

Turtles Australia is visiting Wangaratta for 2 special events to help us understand how to help our local Turtle population by protecting their nests, looking after our wetlands and how to manage Turtle habitat. Become a nest protector.

Saturday 8th- Come along to the Centre Chisholm Street Wangaratta at 6pm to see live Turtles and listen to a presentation by Graham Stockfeld while enjoying a light supper.



Current Opportunity

Treasurer

This position requires a person who is a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) or who has considerable accounting experience with a large commercial or banking organisation.

As this is a Committee position and the incumbent is required to provide a Credit reference Report, a Historical Personal Name Extract and a National Police Check - Gaming, and to sign a declaration that they have read the Corporate Governance Manual and understand their responsibilities as a Company Director under which this Organisation operates.

For more information please contact The Volunteer Community Skillsbank.
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Sunday 9th- Join us at the Bar-B-Q & Playground area at Batchelors Green Tone Road (behind the Police Station) at 12 noon for a Free Barbie lunch and then a talk/walk along One Mile Creek to Wareena Wetlands.

It is up to you if you just want to come to one of the events or both.

RSVP and let us know for catering by the 6th of June.

To Diane Farmer: 04390 20448 diane.farmer@bigpond.com

or Suzanne Johnstone: 0409 225 605

Hope to see you there!

Regards,

Diane Farmer

Coordinator

Wangaratta Sustainability Networks

Restoring Our Waterways Group

Share the good news!

We would really like to hear from any volunteer or organisation who have something to share, such as upcoming events, milestones, helpful hints, a recipe or good news to share with the rest of the volunteering community. Just let us know at the Skillsbank Office!


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